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Mr Willie Wells
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Dear Willie:

I do hope by this time things are begining to shape up. I am sure everything will be alright.

First of all, I had the things from Anderson in Phila. sent to me here by mistake, so I am sending them to you today. They should be there before you leave for Knoxville. In the box are shoes for Davis, and the three gloves you asked for. Abe brought a pair of 8½ E with him when he came down. The other two pairs of 8½ E you asked for, I have not been able to find yet in good shoes. There are some cheap ones around. I can get a pair of 9E. Will they be too large? Let me know if you want me to get them.

Now I asked Abe, and I wrote Joe Miles to get a photographer to take picture (preferably action picture) of Watkins, Harvey, Wynn, Newcombe. I want these as soon as possible. Please check and see if they took care of it.

Next what about Me Duffie? I was talking to Abe on the phone, and he said you had suspended him. Please write nad tell me just what is what. How long is the suspension to last? What do you want to do about him? I have been inquiring around, and this is what I have learned. The new team in Gus Greenlees league, that is being gotten together in Philadelphia by Charlston, believes if they get McDuffie they can get the Brooklyn Park. They seem to want him badly, but they have told him he must get his release from us. This of course sounds ridiculous to me. Ballclubs dont release players because they ask for it. He has talked to the boss, and made his salary demands. They are to give him an answer tomorrow. I am sure they will have a tough time getting a good team together, and Mac needs a good team behind him. He will look badly without one. He has always been difficult and all the publicity he has has in the last few weeks has made him worse. Please tell me what you want to do where he is concerned. How does the team look? How do the pitchers look? Have any of the rookies impressed you? Please let me know these things, and send me the probable line up as soon as you can. I will have to have it for the printer for the park programs at least a week in advance of opening day May 6th. You will not get back to Newark until the 4th.

I hope the jackets have arrived. I hated sending the team to camp without any, but the fellows have themselves to blame, for not having any around. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Very Truly Yours